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G&J Pepsi-Cola Bottlers, Inc. Announces Significant Expansion

Investment of \$23.9 Million to Enhance Warehouse and Office Facilities, Creating 44 Jobs

Columbus, Ohio – G&J Pepsi-Cola Bottlers, Inc., a longstanding member of the Columbus business community, is announcing a substantial expansion project that will significantly bolster their operations. The company is expected to invest nearly \$24 million in an expansion which encompasses a 77,000 square-foot extension to their warehouse, a comprehensive modernization and expansion of their office space, and new machinery and equipment.

For over 60 years, G&J has been operating at their Columbus facility where they manufacture and distribute products locally as a trusted producer and bottler for the Pepsi franchise. This expansion is expected to add another 44 jobs to their Columbus operation while retaining 603 positions.

"Our commitment to Columbus has been resolute," said Tim Trant, CEO with G&J Pepsi-Cola Bottlers. "We care about this community and look forward to creating more opportunities for the hardworking people who call Columbus home."

Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther shared his excitement about the positive impact this expansion will have on the city, saying, "G&J has long been a strong community partner here in Columbus, and we're thrilled that their expansion will further strengthen one of our oldest neighborhoods."

"G&J's strategic expansion in Columbus speaks to the company's dedication to serving the community but also highlights the momentum we're experiencing all across Ohio," said J.P. Nauseef, JobsOhio president and CEO. "We welcome G&J's continued confidence in the Columbus Region while strengthening our state's economic vitality."

As one of the largest Pepsi bottling facilities in Ohio, G&J Pepsi-Cola Bottlers, Inc. remains dedicated to delivering top-quality beverages while contributing to the growth and prosperity of the Columbus Region. The expansion is projected to be completed by the end of 2025.

About G&J Pepsi

G&J Pepsi-Cola Bottlers, Inc. was founded in 1925 and is the largest family-owned, independent bottler in the PepsiCo franchise system. The company employs approximately 1,900 employees at 14 locations across Ohio and Kentucky that are responsible for the production, sale, distribution, and marketing of over 650 refreshment options throughout G&J Pepsi's franchise area. G&J Pepsi is headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, and operates production, distribution, marketing and blow mold facilities in Columbus, Ohio. Additionally, G&J Pepsi has a sister company, Middlestreet Graphics & Display, located in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, that specializes in point-of-purchase displays and print solutions. For more information and employment opportunities, visit www.gjpepsi.com.

About the City

The City of Columbus is the 14th largest city in the United States with a population of 907,971 residents. The Columbus economy is balanced with a combination of education, technology, government, research, insurance and health care entities as major employers within the City. Columbus is nationally known for its booming downtown, historic neighborhoods, arts and sporting districts, open attitude and a noticeably affordable quality of life. Learn more about the City of Columbus at new.columbus.gov/Business-Development/Economic-Development

About JobsOhio

JobsOhio is a private nonprofit economic development corporation designed to drive job creation and new capital investment in Ohio through business attraction, retention and expansion. The organization also works to seed talent production in its targeted industries and to attract talent to Ohio through Find Your Ohio. JobsOhio works with six regional partners across Ohio: Dayton Development Coalition, Ohio Southeast, One Columbus, REDI Cincinnati, Regional Growth Partnership and Team NEO. Learn more at www.jobsohio.com. Follow the company on LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook.

About One Columbus

As the economic development organization for the 11-county Columbus Region, One Columbus' mission is to lead a comprehensive regional growth strategy that develops and attracts the world's most competitive companies, grows a highly adaptive workforce, prepares our communities for the future and inspires corporate, academic and public innovation throughout the Columbus Region. One Columbus expertly guides companies through the location decision process. Through strategic business outreach and customized research, the One Columbus team leverages public, private and institutional partnerships to grow the Columbus Region's economy and strengthen its national and international competitiveness. Funding is received from more than 300 private organizations, local governments, academic institutions and JobsOhio. Learn more at ColumbusRegion.com.

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